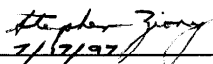


Appendix B

Commonwealth of Virginia Database Index Reporting Form									
1. Public Body Name and Numeric Code: Commission on Local Government (0968)	4. Point of Contact: Stephen Ziony								
2. Database Title: Fiscal Stress Information System	5. Phone Number: 804-786-6508								
3. Database Acronym: FSIS	6. Signature & Date:  7/16/97								
<p>7. Database Description and Contents: (Provide a brief narrative summary of the purpose for which the database is maintained in support of the business of state government and a description of the general contents of the database. Indicate known restrictions to public access.)</p> <p>The FSIS, which presently covers the 1991/92-94/95 time frame, is a Visual FoxPro (.DBF) dataset containing annual "raw-score" and rank-score distributions for counties and cities relative to the CLG's fiscal stress index and the three indicators underlying this composite measure. The Commission's staff updates the FSIS each year and transmits, in electronic and hard-copy forms, institutionally required data to approximately 12 other state agencies which utilize our calculations, in part, as criteria for the disbursement of fiscal aid and revolving loan funds to various localities.</p> <p>As approached by the Commission on Local Government, the measurement of fiscal stress entails the construction of an index founded upon chronologically equivalent indicators linked to the most current observation period for which relevant statistics can be obtained across all counties and cities. More precisely, the stress index taps jurisdictional measures denoting (1) the level of <u>revenue capacity per capita</u> during a specified fiscal period (currently 1994/95), (2) the degree of <u>revenue effort</u> over the same time span, and (3) the magnitude of <u>median adjusted gross income</u> for individuals and married couples in the pertinent calendar year (presently 1994). With respect to each of these factors, any given county or city is assigned a relative stress score establishing the distance, in standard deviation units, of the target locality's raw score from the mean of the overall data distribution. The foregoing transformation procedure ensures the imposition of a common statistical gauge upon the several constituent dimensions of the index. Under the computational technique employed by the Commission, the three relative stress values associated with a particular jurisdiction are added to produce an integrated expression of its fiscal strain during the selected measurement period (in the current instance, 1994/95). The higher the magnitude of this summary statistic, the greater the fiscal duress experienced by the specified county or city. It should be noted that the composite index score, though not an absolute indicator of financial hardship at the local level, identifies the standing of the designated jurisdiction in relation to every other county or city throughout Virginia.</p> <p><i>Note: Specific information relating to data fields, record/table layouts, and known restrictions to public access is maintained by the public body. Please contact the point of contact noted in item 4 for further details.</i></p>									
8. Date of Last Update: 7/16/97	9. Frequency of Update: <input type="checkbox"/> Daily, <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly, <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly, Other: <u>Annually</u>								
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